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Re: **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
Invention: **DUAL BOSS SHUTTER SLAT WITH RETENTION PLATE**  
Inventor: **Miller, James V.**  
Serial No.: **10/802,257**  
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Our Docket: **P00919-US-00 (25490.0030)**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application (the "Application") as follows:

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the original specification with the enclosed Replacement Specification. A marked-up copy of the specification is included to show changes. In addition to the marked-up changes, line numbering has been added.

### **Amendments to the Abstract**

Please insert the abstract provided herein with the Replacement Specification. The abstract is provided on a separate page (page 13).

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Please replace the claims with the clean claim set included herein. No changes have been made to the text of the claims. The only changes are formatting changes.

## REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment that is being filed subsequent to the filing of the Application. Changes to the specification include removing the word "Title" and the heading "Abstract:" from page 1, and providing page and line numbering.

A new abstract is provided on a separate page.

While replacement claims are provided, there have been no changes to the text of the claims. The changes only provide proper line spacing and line numbering. The undersigned does not believe that a marked up copy of the claims is required.

Applicant respectfully submits that no additional fee is required to accompany this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for additional payment of fees, Applicant authorizes any deficiency to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0007. When doing so, please refer to our File No. P00919-US-00.

Respectfully submitted,

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